Psychiatric Medicine and Rehabilitation Department in Karnataka

3957. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are willing to help the Karnataka Government to set up the Department of Psychiatric Medicine and Rehabilitation in its Government Medical Colleges; and

(b) if so, whether the Karnataka Government has sent any proposal, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Government of India has a scheme for providing one time financial assistance to the tune of Rs. 50.00 lakhs for strengthening Psychiatric Department of Government Medical Colleges. Proposals have been received from Government of Karnataka for upgrading Psychiatric Department of Government Medical Colleges at Bangalore, Mysore, Hubli and Bellary.

Malaria Spread in India

3958. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI N. K. PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn towards the media report on WHO's concern that more than half-a-billion people suffer from the deadliest form of Plasmodum falciparum Malaria in India and other countries of Asia and Africa; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto and the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) WHO has reported that they have not conducted or technically supported any recent study on the malaria situation in the member countries including India. However, the study recently published in Nature (Vol. 434/10th March/

2005) by Mr. Robert W. Snow and others deals with mapping the global distribution of clinical episodes of Plasmodium *falciparum (Pf)* Malaria. The report does not mention about the increase in malaria cases in India. In fact, WHO has challenged the repot regarding alarming rise in the incidence of P*f* malaria in 'The Times International'.

Incidence of Malaria as well as the Plasmodium *falciparum* cases in the country has been showing declining trend over the past few years.

Epidemiological situation of malaria in the country since the year 2000 is given below:-

Year	Positive Cases (in million)	PF cases (in million)	Deaths
2000	2.03	1.05	932
2001	2.09	1.01	1005
2002	1.84	0.90	973
2003	1.86	0.86	1006
2004 (Provisional)	1.73	0.80	832

The strategies for control of malaria includes surveillance, early diagnosis and prompt treatment of cases, sustainable vector control including indoor residual spray with insecticide treated bednets, use of larvivorous fish etc. besides training, Information Education and Communication (IEC) to enlist community involvement.

Clinical Trials in India by MNCs

3959. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:
SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some MNCs are looking at India to conduct clinical trials because of lower cost;

(b) if so, the names of MNCs which approached DCGI for permission; and